

Fixed Ladders Inspection and Maintenance

WAC 296-876-700

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YOUR RESPONSIBILITY:

To make sure fixed ladders are inspected and maintained properly

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Rule

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Protection against corrosion and deterioration

You must

- Paint or otherwise treat metal ladders or metal parts to resist rust and corrosion if they are:
 - Exposed to the elements

or

 - Located where rust or corrosion could be expected.
- Treat wood ladders used in conditions where decay may occur with a nonirritating preservative.
- Make sure wood ladders are not coated with an opaque covering except for the minimum amount necessary for identification and warning information which may be placed on one face only of a side rail.
- Treat the interface between different materials or use other means to prevent:
 - One material from damaging or having a harmful effect on another material

and

 - Electrolytic action between dissimilar metals.



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Rule

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Inspection and repair

You must

- Keep ladders in safe condition.
 - Have a competent person inspect a ladder for visual defects:
 - Periodically
- and**
- After any occurrence that could affect safe use.
 - Make sure any ladder with structural damage or other hazardous defect is immediately removed from service.



Note:

- Structural damage includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:
 - Broken or missing rungs, cleats, or steps.
 - Broken or split rails.
 - Corroded components.
 - Bolts and welds missing or not secure.
- A ladder is considered to be removed from service if any of the following are done:
 - It is marked to identify it as defective.
 - It is tagged with "do not use" or similar language.
 - It is blocked so that it cannot be used, for example, by using a plywood attachment that spans several rungs.

You must

- Make sure repairs restore the ladder to a condition meeting its original design criteria.



Notes
